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### JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

#### <u>MEMORANDUM</u>

To:

Members

Joint Committee on Finance

From:

Senator Howard Marklein

Representative Mark Born

Date:

August 31, 2021

Re:

UWS Report to JFC

Attached is a report on classified research contracts from the University of Wisconsin System, pursuant to s. 36.45(4), Stats.

This report is being provided for your information only. No action by the Committee is required. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

**Attachments** 

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DATE:

August 30, 2021

TO:

Senator Howard Marklein, Co-Chair Representative Mark Born, Co-Chair

Joint Committee on Finance

FROM:

Tommy Thompson, President

RE:

2021 Report on Classified Research Contracts

Section 36.45(4) of the Wisconsin Statutes requires the University of Wisconsin System to report annually to the Joint Committee on Finance the number of research contracts considered under the process established in s. 36.11(55m)(e), Wis. Stats., and the outcome of those contracts.

2013 Wisconsin Act 289, which created the process for considering research contracts involving government security classifications or similar restrictions, was enacted on April 17, 2014. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, twenty-four research contracts were reviewed using the criteria established in s. 36.11(55m), Wis. Stats:

• **UW-Madison:** Twenty-four contracts were considered. All contracts satisfied the relevant statutory requirements and were approved.

Additionally, while not a contract that falls under s. 36.45(4), Wis. Stats., UW-Superior is a subaward for a federal grant through the Space Grant Consortium analyzing microplastics in a zero-gravity environment. The contract is not a research contract involving government security classifications.

If you require any additional information regarding this report, please contact Jeff Buhrandt, Vice President for University Relations (608-262-1312).

cc: Jim Langdon, Vice President for Administration, UW System Administration